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Best Practices

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IW JOC Best Practices

- Have a partner. A like-minded service or COCOM partner can facilitate development.
- Have a dedicated writing team. Task-oriented contract support working with USSOCOM lead worked well.
- Do your homework up front. Research pays off.
- Collaborate. Constant collaboration and establishing relationships were essential.
- Make the process work for you. Use the Joint Staff J7 team. Follow JSAP procedures and comments resolution process.
- Focus on key events. LOEs, Defense Adaptive Red Teaming, planner level staffing.
- Keep it brief. Limit EXSUM to two pages, one page for words and one for "JOC logic." Keep document to 40 pages or less and push info to appendices.